

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY AMMAN  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 2032  
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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PINT, JO  
SUBJECT: BBC JORDAN COUP REPORT

1. EVENING JUNE 18 AND MORNING JUNE 19 BBC  
ENGLISH-LANGUAGE NEWS HAVE REPORTED ATTEMPTED  
COUP IN JORDAN ONE MONTH AGO. STORY SOURCED TO  
"SENIOR ARAB DIPLOMAT IN BEIRUT." STORY IS LINKED  
IN FUZZY WAY WITH RECENT ZARKA MILITARY PRISON  
BREAK OUT. STORY CARRIES GOJ OFFICIAL DENIAL.

2. WE HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO REASON TO DOUBT GOJ OFFICIAL  
DENIAL. WE ARE A LITTLE ASTONISHED THAT BBC SHOULD  
PICK UP SUCH A TIRED AND DISCREDITED STORY FOR  
REPORTING NOW. WE RECALL KUWAIT PRESS CARRIED  
ROUGHLY SAME STORY THREE WEEKS AGO AND IT WAS  
LATER PICKED UP BY ISRAELI AND MONTE CARLO RADIO.  
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3. EMBASSY HAS REPORTED IN FULL INFORMATION ON  
ZARKA MILITARY MUTINY WHICH WE CONSIDER TO BE  
ISOLATED INCIDENT. RECENT IMPRESSION IS THAT ARMY  
IS FULLY ENGAGED IN HEAVY SCHEDULE OF DESERT  
MANEUVERS AND THAT IF ANYTHING ARMY MORALE AND SUPPORT  
FOR REGIME HAS BEEN HEIGHTENED BY SUCH DEVELOPMENTS

AS RECENT ISRAELI ELECTION AND INCREASED CONCERN  
ABOUT POSSIBLE ISRAELI AGGRESSIVE POSTURE IN THE  
AREA ON THE PART OF THE SENIOR LEVEL JORDANIANS.  
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